

UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY,
OFFICE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,WASHINGTON, D. C., 3^d March, 1890.Prof D. C. Mendenhall
Superintendent

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Bar 758.5

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.2	=	.2	+ .005
.1	=	.1	+ .005
.04	=	.04	- .013
.03	=	.03	- .009
.02	=	.02	+ .007
.01	=	.01	+ .006
.004	=	.004	+ .006
.003	=	.003	- .004
.002	=	.002	+ .011
.001	=	.001	- .010
.0005	=	.0005	+ .002

Yours very respectfully
T. C. Mendenhall
Superintendent

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U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
Office of Weights & Measures
March 3, 1890

T. C. Mendenhall
Supt

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF THE MINT,
MARCH 5TH, 1890.

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E. A. Lee
DIRECTOR.

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[Typed note on back:]

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
March 5, 1890.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia; the weights within named having been forwarded by express today.

E.O. Leech
Director.